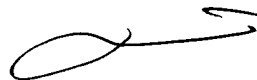


Remarks

1. Examiner is thanked for indicating the allowability of claims 1-12.
2. Claims 18-20 are cancelled. The new claims 21-22 specify that NEP-3DM stores test data for **the chip containing NEP-3DM** and other chip(s). These claims, in fact, are narrower than claim 1. This modification shall remove the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(c).
3. Certified copies of the foreign priority documents have been filed with the parent case, i.e. U.S. Application No. 10/230,648, filed Aug. 28, 2002.
4. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and an early allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. If any matters remain which could be resolved in a telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is hereby respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (650) 575-2014 or email the undersigned at gzhang@3d-rom.net to expedite resolution of any such remaining matters.
5. The undersigned has made a diligent effort to amend this application. If, for any reason the claims of this application are not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j) or in making constructive suggestions pursuant to MPEP 706.03(d) in order that this application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Very respectfully,



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